DUBLIN (IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 23 February 1871;—*for*,

COPY "of the CORRESPONDENCE between the Corporation of *Dublin* and the Board of Trinity College, *Dublin*, respecting the giving up of Portion of the College Ground for the Improvement of *Leinster Street*, *Nassau Street*, *College Street*, *College Green*, and *Grafton Street*, *Dublin*."

— No. 1. —

[This is the first written communication, the Lord Mayor and Corporation having previously had personal interviews with the Board.]

The Registrar, Trinity College, *Dublin*, to the Town Clerk, *Dublin*.

Sir, Trinity College, Dublin, 24 December 1869.

I HAVE been directed by the Board of Trinity College to inform you that they have had for some time under their careful consideration the proposals lately made to them by the Corporation, with respect to the contemplated improvements in the front of the College, and in Great Brunswick-street.

When the improvement in the boundary wall of the College in Nassau-street was carried out in the year 1842, the arrangement then made by the Board of Trinity College with the Wide Street Commissioners was to this effect: the Wide Street Commissioners lodged to the credit of the College in the Bank of Ireland the estimated cost of the new wall and railing, and the work was then carried out by the Board under the superintendence of their own architect, some portion of the ultimate expense being supplied as an extra charge out of the College funds for the purpose of making the railing more ornamental than was originally designed.

The Board have obtained several estimates from contractors of the highest standing for the execution of the works now proposed to be carried out in College-green and Great Brunswick-street, and from a careful examination of these estimates the Board have calculated the entire cost of the projected improvements, including some expenses on the College buildings rendered necessary by the proposed change of the boundary wall in Great Brunswick-street, at the sum of 4,000 *l.*

If the precedent of the Nassau-street improvements were now to be followed, the sum of 4,000 *l.* should be lodged to the credit of the College by the Corporation before the proposed works could be commenced. The enforcement of this condition as a necessary preliminary, would probably delay the proposed improvement for a considerable time.

The Board of Trinity College, therefore, being desirous to comply with the generally expressed wish of the citizens of Dublin, and anxious to go to the utmost length in their power in forwarding the proposed improvements consistently with the other demands on the funds at their disposal, have authorised me to make the following proposal through you to the corporate authorities, and have directed me to intimate at the same time that the conditions stated below embody the final decision of the Board:—

1. The Board of Trinity College will undertake to commence the proposed works as shown upon the plans now in the custody of John McCurdy, Esq., the architect

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architect of the College, and to have all buildings necessary for separating the grounds of the College from the streets, in conformity with the said plans, fully and completely carried out upon the lodgement by the Corporation, to the credit of the College in the Bank of Ireland, of the sum of 2,000 *l.*

2. The Board will give to the city so much of the ground now the property of the College as is required for the projected improvements, as shown on the aforesaid plans.

3. The Corporation will convey to the College the portions of ground at present forming part of the streets, but which will, by the aforesaid plans, be contained under and within the new boundary.

4. All works necessary for the re-forming of the streets and footpaths, all lamps, mains, &c., and any other works required for public purposes and rendered necessary by the alteration of the present boundaries, shall be executed by the Corporation, and at its own expense.

5. The foregoing terms shall be embodied in a formal contract under seal.

I am directed further to add that if the above proposal be not accepted by the Corporation within three months from the present date, it is to be considered as withdrawn by the College.

I remain, &c.
(signed) *John Toleken*, Registrar.

William J. Henry, Esq.,
Town Clerk, City Hall.

— No. 2. —

The Registrar, Trinity College, *Dublin*, to the Town Clerk, *Dublin*.

Trinity College, Dublin, 2 February 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Provost and Senior Fellows to inform you that they have had under their careful consideration the proposal made to them by a deputation from the Corporation, headed by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, on Saturday last, the Board have directed me to say that after long discussion and deliberation they feel that they would not be justified in granting more space at the corner of the College, near Grafton-street, than that conceded in their original proposal. I am to add that in making the proposal referred to, the Board were resolved to go to the utmost limit of their power in meeting the wishes of the Corporation.

I have, &c.
(signed) *John A. Malet*,
Acting Registrar.

W. J. Henry, Esq.,
Town Clerk.

— No. 3. —

The Town Clerk, *Dublin*, to the Registrar, Trinity College, *Dublin*.

Town Clerk's Office, City Hall, Dublin,
9 March 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by "the College Railings Committee" to inform you, that the Municipal Council, at a meeting held upon the 7th instant, finally accepted the proposal of the Board of Trinity College for the improvement to the College railings in College-green, College-street, &c., on the terms and conditions stated in your letter of the 24th December 1869, and as per plans lodged with the committee by Mr. McCurdy, architect to the College, the council authorised the committee to carry out all necessary arrangements with your board in reference thereto.

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The law agent of the Corporation, John Smyth, Esq., has been directed to place himself in communication with the solicitor to the College for the purpose of legally carrying out all details in reference to the mutual transfer of ground given and taken by the town council for the purposes of this improvement, and all matters in relation thereto.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. J. Henry*,
Town Clerk.

John Toleken, Esq., M.D.,
Registrar, Trinity College.

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(*Mr Heron*)

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